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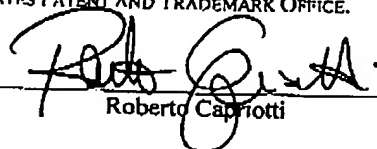
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 23, 2006, with the three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 23, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks. This response should be considered timely filed within the shortened three-month shortened statutory period on Monday, April 24, 2006, because April 23, 2006 falls on a Sunday.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.